Fire in the Ippuguda Railway Station building

1825. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building of Ippuguda Railway Station in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh was burnt down by the naxalites on 11th June, 1988; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss to railway property caused by the fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the Station Master's room of Ippuguda Railway Station in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh was burnt down by the naxalites on the night of 11/12th June, 1988.

(b) The estimated loss to railway property caused by the fire, is Rs. 4 50 lakhs.

Shortage of aircraft with IA and Vayudoot

1826. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of aircraft with Indian Airlines and Vayudoot necessitating cutting down the services in several sectors in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ease out the hardship experienced by the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines will be acquiring 19 A-320 aircraft during 1989-90. For augmenting the present fleet of Vayudoot as well as replace the old turbo props taken over by Vayudoot from Indian Airlines, a Committee has been set up by the Board of Directors of Vayudoot for evaluating the new generation 40—plus seater aircraft.

Road accidents

1827. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the number of road accidents in India, Statewise in each of the last three years and in the current year so far, and out of them the number of those which were fatal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): A statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 75.]

Express Highway between Ahmedabad and Baroda

1828. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the originally estimated and the revised cost of the Express Highway, being constructed between Ahmedabad and Baroda;

(b) what are the details of the progress so far made and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) where are the other locations in the country where more of such Express Highways are proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway in Gujarat State has been sanctioned for an estimated amount of Rs. 137.2 crores. Revision of cost estimate has not been consideded so far.